

Core Waiver Overview

The Core Waiver is one of the Developmental Disabilities Administration's five federal Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) waivers. It offers residential habilitation services to 5,624 individuals who are at immediate risk of losing their community residential setting. Individuals must have an identified health and welfare need for residential services that cannot be met by the Basic Plus waiver.

Services Include

Assistive Technology • Community Engagement • Community Inclusion • Community Transition • Environmental Adaptations • Extermination of Bed Bugs • Individual/Group Supported Employment • Individualized Technical Assistance • Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapies (for adults, when not covered under state plan benefits) • Positive Behavior Support and Consultation (Only available to clients 20 and younger who are currently receiving the service as of 10.1.2020) • Residential Habilitation • Respite • Risk Assessment • Skilled Nursing (over age 21) • Specialized Equipment and Supplies • Specialized Habilitation • Stabilization Services-Specialized Habilitation • Stabilization Services-Staff and Family Consultation • Stabilization Services-Crisis Diversion Bed • Staff and Family Consultation • Transportation • Wellness Education



Eligibility Requirements

Individuals who:

- Have been determined to be an eligible client by the Developmental Disabilities Administration
- Meet Social Security Disability criteria
- Meet Institutional Level of Care (ICF/IID) criteria
- Meet the income and resource standards for Apple Health of Washington. (Client's income and resources, not family unit's income and resources)
- Are a U.S. citizen or federally qualified legal resident
- Accept home and community-based services as an alternative to institutional services.

Waivers are limited to the average cost of an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities for any combination of services necessary to meet the assessed client need. The Department cannot deny services to people on the waiver due to lack of funding. Consequently, DDA carefully monitors waiver expenditures.

Authority

- Title XIX federal funding through §1915(c) Home and Community Based Services waiver and state funding
- [Chapter 388-845 WAC, DDA Home and Community Based Services Waivers](#)

Rates

Waiver services are delivered by many different contracted service providers whose rates are dependent upon the service offered. Service rates can be found at:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/management-services-division/office-rates-management>

Partners

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
- Department of Children, Youth and Families

- The Arc of Washington
- DD Ombuds
- Disability Rights Washington
- Counties and service providers
- Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
- Health Care Authority

Oversight

External

- ALTSa Residential Care Services Division
- Department of Children, Youth and Families
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- National Core Indicators Project
- State Auditor's Office
- Washington State Department of Health

Internal

- DDA Office of Quality Programs and Services
- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring and Training
- DDA Statewide Investigation Unit

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